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SUBJECT: COUNCIL OPERATIONEXERCISE MEETING APRIL 17, 1975

REFS: A. USNATO 2087

B. USNATO 1411

SUMMARY. AT APRIL 17 MEETING UNDER ANY OTHER BUSINESS, COEC CHAIRMAN INFORMED COMITTEE THAT IS HAD PREPARED AND DISTRIBUTED A WORKING PAPER ON NATO MACHINERY FOR CRISIS MANAGEMENT. HE REQUESTED COEC VIEWS ON THE FEASIBILITY OF FINALIZING THIS REPORT IN TIME FOR THE SPRING MINISTERIAL. COEC REPS AGREED THAT FIRST DRAFT WAS A GOOD ONE AND THAT COEC AND DPC APPROVAL SHOULD BE POSSIBLE IN TIME FOR SPRING MINISTERIAL. CHAIRMAN INFORMED COEC THAT HE HAD RECEIVED CONFIRMATION OF THE OUTLINE SCENARIO FOR HILEX7 FROM CANADA, DENMARK, ITALY, NORWAY AND UW, AND THAT THE FIRST MEETING OF THE HIGH LEVEL PLANNING GROUP FOR HILEX7 WILL TAKE PLACE ON MAY 14, 1975. END SUMMARY.

1. CHAIRMAN REMINDED COEC REPS THAT AT DECEMBER 11, 1974,
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MINISTERIAL MEETING, UK MOD MASON REQUESTED THAT AT A SUBSEQUENT MEETING MINISTERS SHOULD BE GIVEN AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATO CIRSIS MANAGEMENT SYSTEM AND WHAT PROBLEMS REMAIN TO BE RESOLVED. IN RESPONSE TO THIS REQUEST, CHAIRMAN NOTED THAT IS HAD PREPARED AND

DISTRIBUTED WORKING PAPER AC/237-WP/100 ON NATO MACHINERY FOR CRISIS MANAGEMENT (PREVIOUSLY FURNISHED BY REF A ON APRIL 16, 1975). IN VIEW OF THE SHORT PERIOD OF TIME REMAINING BEFORE THE SPRING MINISTERIAL, CHAIRMAN EXPRESSED DOUBTS AS TO THE POSSIBILITY OF FINALIZING THIS REPORT IN TIME FOR SPRING MINISTERIAL. ALL OF THE COEC REPS AGREED THAT THE FIRST DRAFT WAS A GOOD ONE AND THAT COEC AND DPC APPROVAL SHOULD BE POSSIBLE IN TIME FOR THE SPRING MINISTERIAL.

COEC AGREED TO MEET ON 22 AND 24 APRIL TO CONSIDER WP AC/237-WP/100.

ACTION REQUESTED. WASHINGTON GUIDANCE, AS PREVIOUSLY REQUESTED IN REF A, BY COB APRIL 21.

2. CHAIRMAN NOTED THAT THE OUTLINE SCENARIO FOR EXERCISE HILEX 7 WAS APPROVED BY THE COMMITTEE ON 27 FEBRUARY 1975, SUBJECT TO CONFIRMATION BY CANADA, DENMARK, ITALY, NORWAY AND THE US (REFB). HE INFORMED COEC THAT CONFIRMATION HAS NOW BEEN RECEIVED FROM THESE COUNTRIES. HE INFORMED COEC THAT THE FIRST MEETING OF THE HIGH LEVEL PLANNING GROUP WILL TAKE PLACE AT NATO HQ ON MAY 14, 1975.

A. COEC SECRETARY (WILSON) DISTRIBUTED THE FOLLOWING NOTICE OF FIRST MEETING OF HIGH LEVEL PLANNING GROUP (AC/287(H-7)-N/1). BEGIN TEXT.

ON 18TH FEBRUARY, 1975, THE DEFENCE PLANNING COMMITTEE APPROVED THE PRELIMINARY PROPOSALS (DPC/D(75)1, 7 JAN 75,) FOR THE CONDUCT OF EXERCISE HILEX-7 FROM 29 TH MARCH TO 2ND APRIL 1976.

2. THE DPC FURTHER AGREED THAT, AS IN PAST EXERCISES IN THIS SERIES, THE HIGH LEVEL EXERCISE PLANNING GROUP SHOULD BE CHARGED WITH THE ELABORATION OF DETAILED EXERCISE ARRANGEMENTS. IT NOTED THAT THIS GROUP, AS IN THE PAST, SHOULD BE COMPOSED OF REPRESENTATIVES OF FOREIGN MINISTRIES, MINISTRIES OF DEFENCE AND OTHER GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS, AND SHOULD HAVE THE ASSISTANCE OF THE MAJOR NATO COMMANDERS, OF THE INTERNATIONAL MILITARY STAFF AND THOSE INTERNATIONAL CONFIDENTIAL

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STAFF DIVISIONS WHICH WILL PLAY IN THE EXERCISE.

3. IT IS PROPOSED TO CONVENE A FIRST MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON WEDNESDAY 14TH MAY, 1975. AN AGENDA FOR THIS MEETING WILL BE CIRCULATED SHORTLY.

4. NATIONS AND MILITARY ELEMENTS INTENDING TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS MEETING ARE INVITED TO COMMUNICATE THE NAMES OF THEIR REPRESENTATIVES TO THE UNDERSIGNED (EXTENSION 2410) AS SOON AS MAY BE CONVENIENT. END TEXT

B. MISSION COMMENT OTHER DELEGATIONS HAVE INFORMALLY

INDICATED THAT HILEX7 WILL BE PLAYED AT HIGH LEVEL IN THEIR
CAPITALS. IN VIEW OF HIGH-LEVEL ALLIED INTEREST, MISSION
RECOMMENDS HIGH-LEVEL WASHINGTON PARTICIPATION FROM ALL COGNIZANT
AGENCIES. IN THIS REGARD, HIGH-LEVEL WASHINGTON PARTICIPATION IN
HILEX 7 WOULD BE MORE PROFITABLE TO US IF COMBINED WITH A NATIONAL
EXERCISE CORRESPONDING TO THE HILEX 7 SCENARIO . END OF MISSION
COMMENT. ACTION REQUESTED. LIST OF NAMES OF WASHINGTON REPS TO
THE HIGH LEVEL PLANNING GROUP BY MAY 5, 1975.
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